

Ten drown in bus accident

E. Spain, April 10 (R) - Forty-five children and were believed drowned today when a school bus bridge into a deep river near this town in north-eastern Spain. A soldier who had hitched a ride was among those feared dead. Among those feared dead were three teachers, who had accompanied the children on their holiday excursion from their home town of Vigo in Madrid and Toledo. Eyewitnesses said the bus, on its way, careered into the side of the bridge after coming round a curve and lurched across the road and into the swollen by heavy rains. The bus quickly sank to the bottom submerged under the swift waters. As rescue teams arrived at the scene, local youths dived into the river to save survivors. Other children were saved by villagers who had tykes into the river.

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Li cabinet ministers done visits to Cairo

April 10 (Agencies) - Two Israeli cabinet ministers arrived in Cairo yesterday as Israel and Egypt found themselves in a stalemate since signing a peace treaty two weeks ago. News quoted Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan as saying that an explanation offered by Egyptian Prime Minister of a statement that was taken here as a warning to join Syria in a war to liberate the Golan Heights. Khalil was quoted as telling two Israeli journalists in a statement that he would protest his statement. It was based on an incorrect report, Dr. Khalil said with the two Israelis.

Apers gave banner headline treatment to the fresh news that Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, who is due to Cairo next Sunday, would put off his journey to cover Holiday, which ends on April 18. In addition, Minister Yigael Yadin will travel to Egypt in early right after Passover.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said that had been widely misinterpreted and that Egypt with Damascus if Israel refused to negotiate with them.

At the Egyptian People's Assembly on the peace, only 13 of the 360 members spoke out against the peace. In Cairo have said that on Sunday the treaty will be referendum, with a massive "yes" vote expected. Aimed at showing Egypt's Arab critics that there is support for the treaty, they said.

S. Assistant Secretary of Defence David McGiffert, us Egypt's arms needs, held talks today with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

talks, attended by Egyptian Defence Minister Lt.

Ali and the American ambassador to Cairo, were not disclosed.

Arrived here yesterday on a two-day visit for talks on how Egypt would spend \$1.5 billion in U.S. military

He visited Egypt's naval base in the Mediterranean Sea and held talks with Navy Chief Rear Admiral Mohammed.

Admiral told reporters the talks were held within the resident Sadat's policy of strengthening the combat naval forces to defend our coasts."

Jordan Brief

April 10 (R) - Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, leader Muammar Oufi have called for achieving a comprehensive Middle East settlement involving a permanent and just peace. A command last night after a two-day visit to the Libyan President Ceausescu appeared to consider the need for Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as inadequate of such a peace. The communiqué, issued by news agency, said the two leaders "reaffirmed their commitment to achieve peace without the complete withdrawal of the Israeli forces from all the occupied Arab lands in the interest of the permanent and legitimate national rights of the people." It said the Palestinian issue was "crucial to the establishment of peace and security" in the region. Col. signed a friendship and co-operation agreement with him for a forthcoming visit to Bucharest, the communiqué said.

April 10 (AP) - The presidents of South and North Korea again next month for talks on the unification of states, the state-run Bagdad Radio reported Tuesday. The meeting between Abdul Farah Ismail and Saleh, the presidents of South and North Yemen, was arranged during their first summit get-together last month. The Kuwait summit was arranged by the following an outbreak of border fighting between the two during late February and early March. As a result, the two presidents agreed that the only way to settle their long-standing differences was to plan the union of their rival states.

April 10 (QNA) - The Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa Al Khalifa today received a message from King Hassan II of Morocco on means of fostering bilateral relations in fields. The message was conveyed to Sheikh Issa by Prince Abdullah, brother of the Moroccan monarch, the agency reported. The agency said that the Moroccan message included an invitation to Sheikh Issa to visit the emir accepted the invitation and promised to fix its date.

April 10 (R) - An East German architect has 3,000-year-old blueprint for a pyramid during restoration of the Sudan - believed to be the first time such a has been discovered. The East German ADN news agency said Frieder Hinkel caught sight of the half-buried pyramid working in the biggest pyramid in the North of Egypt. The faded 1.6 metre long drawing shows the exact details of the outlines and angles of the pyramid it was found and contains a design for a platform on which the pyramids were planned and built than was sent. Blueprints for the Egyptian pyramids have been found.

April 10 (R) - Argentinian Ambassador Osvaldo Pinochet, today assured the Iranian government that it would not accord asylum to the exiled Shah. A spokesman for the Argentinian embassy here said the ambassador had denied that Karim Sanjari to deny rumours that the Shah and his family moved recently to the Bahamas several weeks in Egypt and Morocco following his return to Tehran three months ago. He has not yet indicated where he is likely to settle in exile.

April 10 (AP) - Two separate factions fighting for the of Ethiopia's northern region of Eritrea have put under a single unified command, the Eritrean People's Front announced Tuesday. The EPLF, a component in Paris, said the "process of unification began in the EPLF and the Eritrean Liberation Front accessible" and a "common military command" had been established. It also said that an offensive launched on April 2 by a government "is running out of steam." The command of 40,000 Ethiopian troops backed by dozens of Soviet fighters and bombers were engaged in the fight. The command's soldiers were pushing back the attackers and government troops had been killed and three had been shot down.

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Jordan, PLO discuss occupied territories

AMMAN, April 10 (Agencies) - A joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee, entrusted with finding ways to support the steadfastness of the Palestinian population in the occupied Arab territories held its first meeting here today.

The official Jordan News Agency (JNA) said the two sides agreed on a series of measures which were being implemented immediately. It did not elaborate.

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UAE to pull out ADF contingent

ABU DHABI, April 10 (R) - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will pull out its 700 soldiers from the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in Lebanon on April 27, the official Emirates News Agency (WAM) said today.

The mandate of the force, set up in 1976 by the Arab League to end a civil war in Lebanon, expires on April 27 and the UAE government conveyed its decision to the Lebanese embassy in Abu Dhabi, WAM said.

The move, which followed a similar decision by Saudi Arabia recently, came while the Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss is touring the Gulf countries to brief them on his government's actions on restoring law and order throughout the country and re-building the Lebanese armed forces.

Dr. Hoss arrived in Bahrain today on a one-day visit for talks on the situation in Lebanon and other Middle East developments. He has visited Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar for similar talks.

up-to-date strategy involving a new plan of action and providing for the escalation of the Palestinian struggle inside and outside the occupied territories. "We are now drawing the broad lines of such a strategy. The talks recently held by the resistance (commando) leadership in both Baghdad and Damascus concentrated on this new strategy and the possibilities of cooperation and coordination between the Palestinian revolution and the entire Arab forces," he was quoted as saying.

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Invaders launch pincer attack to seize Kampala

NAIROBI, April 10 (R) - Tanzanian forces and Ugandan exiles rained rockets and shells on Kampala today as they launched a pincer attack aimed at capturing President Idi Amin's capital.

Kampala residents reported 122 mm rockets whistling overhead and smashing into military installations, the main hospital and tree-lined residential suburbs.

While the sound of fighting drifted up from the main front line south of the capital, residents in the northernmost outskirts told reporters by telephone they had just given Tanzanian officers leading their troops towards the city centre a rousing welcome.

Diplomats in Nairobi said the invading forces appeared to be trying to pin down the city's defenders with the heavy bombardment while moving in infantry from at least two directions.

Rockets and shells smashed into the main hospital on the northern hill of Mulago, killing a doctor and injuring several other people.

Also hit was the Makerere University complex, where troops loyal to Field Marshal Amin were billeted over the weekend as he regrouped his forces for a counter-attack.

Radio Uganda, virtually the only source of official information during President Amin's eight years in power, was off the air for most of the day. When one transmitter was finally switched on as dusk approached, one announcer said: "We are unable to bring you the news. Here is some music."

The heaviest shell barrage erupted for 90 minutes as the day dawned. People still living in the largely deserted city leapt from their beds to huddle under tables. A second heavy barrage opened up just before noon.

The whereabouts of President Amin were not known. One resident said a convoy of five black Mercedes cars sped out of the city towards the eastern town of Jinja during a lull in the shelling this afternoon. He said he thought the president was in one of them.

There was no reliable information on how much resistance was being put up by President Amin's troops. Residents in southern suburbs said they could hear small arms fire from the Entebbe road, indicating that someone was still fighting the invaders.

Bucharest fire claims 140

VIENNA, April 10 (R) - About 40 people died and 100 were injured when fire swept through a crowded department store in Bucharest today, rescue workers in the Romanian capital said. No official casualty toll had been issued several hours after the fire broke out at the five-storey Victoria store in the congested old quarter of Bucharest. But the rescue workers, contacted from Vienna, said casualties were exaggerated. Eyewitnesses said panic broke out when flames raced through the building. Several people jumped through walls of smoke while others were evacuated by firemen. The official Romanian Agence news agency had not reported the blaze 10 hours after it broke out. No mention of it was made on Romanian Radio. Unconfirmed reports said the fire started when an oxygen cylinder used by welders repairing a broken lift shaft exploded. Residents said they heard an explosion just before the blaze started on one of the building's lower floors.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

In reprisal for Tel Aviv bomb attack

Israeli warplanes hit South Lebanon towns

DAMOUR, Lebanon, April, 10 (Agencies) - Israeli warplanes attacked two Lebanese coastal towns today in apparent reprisal for a bomb attack in Tel Aviv's central market today for which Palestinian commandos claimed responsibility.

Clouds of dense smoke rose from the hillsides above this already battered town, 24 kilometres south of Beirut, after the bombing just before dusk and hundreds of residents gathered on the main street looking for lifts from passing motorists to take them to safer ground.

First reports from one village near Tyre, Ma'alih, said one person had been killed there and three were wounded, WAFA said.

In Tel Aviv, a military spokesman, announcing the raids, said the air strike was directed at Palestinian commando bases manned by the Palestine Liberation Organisation and took place at about 1730 (1530 GMT).

The PLO targets situated in the Tyre area in southwest Lebanon included training camps and bases which have served guerrillas as exit points on their way to attacks in Israel, the spokesman claimed.

In the past four months, Arab commandos have carried out 11 operations in Israel, causing the death of seven Israelis and wounding 169.

On the Tel Aviv incident today, Israeli Police Commander Moshe Tiomkin said the bomb, apparently planted by Arab commandos, consisted of half a kilogram of explosives fixed under the cover of a shirt stall in the open-air market.

One woman was killed and 15 persons were wounded, he said. Radio Israel, however, said in a report from the scene of the incident this afternoon that the casualty toll was 35.

The Associated Press, however, said the blast killed one man and wounded 22.

Commander Tiomkin, interviewed by Israel Radio, said about 15 Arabs had been detained - he called it "preventive arrest" to protect the Arabs from angry Israelis as well as to see if there

Israel imposes curfews in West Bank towns

TEL AVIV, April 10 (R) - Israeli occupation forces imposed curfews on two areas of the Jordan West Bank today after two buses were stoned and telephone lines cut by Arab residents and Palestinian refugees, military sources said.

In Jericho, Palestinians from the nearby Aqab Jaber refugee camp stoned the two buses, one filled with settlers travelling to Jordan Valley settlements and the other carrying tourists.

The other curfew was at the village of Al Yaman, near Jenin at the northern end of the West Bank. It was imposed there to punish residents who had been cutting telephone lines, the sources said.

Israeli troops moved into both areas to conduct searches and make arrests.

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Good timing

THIS IS A good time for Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to be reminding the world of their determination to assist Palestinians living under Israeli occupation to resist the tightening grip of the military occupying authority.

The outside world seems somehow to have got the idea that Israel is about to loosen that grip and hand those territories over to local Arab "self-rule." The outside world also seems somehow to have got the notion that the Arab parties are divided on how to approach this imminent disposal of those territories, and that Jordan and the PLO have written themselves out of the picture as far as the future of the Arab homeland is concerned.

The true story is obviously quite different. No one, certainly not those living in the occupied territories, nor anyone else in the Arab World outside Egypt, harbours any illusions that the Camp David "autonomy" scheme is anything other than a blueprint for legitimising and extending that occupation: autonomy and self-rule, even under the broadest interpretation, are different from independence and self-determination. They imply a continuation of a colonial status. And such colonisation is precisely the aim of the Jewish settlements in Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank which Israel continues to authorise and nurture.

The people living under occupation have chosen to reject the "autonomy" plan as spelled out in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. The only course open to them now is to resist the implementation of this bogus and aggressive plan: that is what they are doing, and it is the duty of every Arab to assist them.

The Arab summit conference in Baghdad last November formulated various ways of extending that assistance, including making funds available to Jordan and the PLO and other concerned parties living on the front-line of Zionist aggression and expansionism. That is what the current Jordanian-PLO consultations in Amman are all about. Such consultations are a tribute to the success of the burgeoning dialogue between Jordan and the PLO on a wide variety of issues concerning the destinies of the peoples for whom they are responsible.

The task of supporting those struggling against occupation becomes more urgent by the day, as Israel imposes new terroristic measures, from censorship to curfews, in the occupied territories in an attempt to quash mounting resistance to the Washington treaty conspiracy to deprive them of their national and human rights. Now is the time to intensify this effort.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I TUESDAY COMMENTS on the recent statements made by Egyptian Premier Mustafa Khalil in which he urged the Arabs to use the oil weapon in order to exercise pressure on the West and the U.S. to force Israel to withdraw from occupied Arab territories.

"Why didn't the Egyptian premier contemplate using the oil of Sinai as a means of exercising pressure on Israel when Iran halted its oil supplies to Israel?" the paper asks. "When Mr. Khalil says that Egypt will honour its joint defence treaty with Syria -- should the latter launch a war to restore the Golan Heights -- he is actually trying to get Syria involved in a war with Israel," the paper says.

The paper describes the statements of the Egyptian premier "as designed for Egyptian consumption," and urges him to "apply his advice to himself."

Commenting on prospective Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza, AL DUSTOUR says that "Israel has already started exerting new pressures on the people of the occupied territories with the object of attacking the unity of the Palestinians and polarising elements willing to accept autonomy."

"The Palestinians are determined to resist the conspiracy of autonomy which seeks to create a substitute for a true Palestinian homeland," the paper adds.

"The Camp David agreement, which succeeded in isolating Egypt from the Arab nation, will not manage to liquidate the Palestinian cause ... this is because the Arabs insist that their cause should be dealt with at the U.N. -- not singlehandedly by the U.S."

"The sponsors of the Camp David agreement have used the pretext of a Soviet threat in the Middle East to assure the isolation of Egypt from the Arab nation. The Arabs, however, believe that the genuine danger threatening the area is the Israeli occupation, not the Soviet Union."

"We call upon Washington to not oppose any Arab or international efforts to return the Palestinian issue to the U.N. so that a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian problem can be achieved," the paper concludes.

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Prime Minister Mudar Badran (centre) received Yugoslav Finance Minister Petar Kostic (left) Tuesday.

Prince Hassan to open Yugoslavia, Jordan discuss increasing trade, transport

AMMAN, April 10 (J.T.)--His Highness Crown Prince Hassan tomorrow will formally open a conference at the Chamber of Industry on "The Arab World in Transition," which is being presented under the patronage of His Royal Highness by the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

The four-day conference, which will be devoted primarily to discussion of economic, social and cultural aspects of the development process in the Arab World, will be attended by some 60 distinguished figures from the Middle East, Europe and the United States.

Among the participants will be Mr. Charles Yost, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Mr. Pehr Gyllenhammar, president of Volvo company of Sweden, Mr. Mohammad Al Imady, Syria's Minister of Economy, Dr. Mohammad Al Habib Ben Khoja, the Mufti of Tunisia, Mr. Thornton Bradshaw, president of Atlantic Richfield oil company and Dr. Burhan Dajani, chairman of the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to Crown Prince Hassan, who will serve as honorary chairman of the conference, Jordanian participants will include Sharif Abel Hamid Sharaf, Chief of the Royal Court, Mr. Adnan Abu Odeh, Minister of Information and Dr. Hanna Odeh, President of the National Planning Council.

The Aspen Institute, which organised the conference in collaboration with a Jordanian committee headed by Dr. Mohammad Said Nabilis, Governor of the Central Bank, is an international study group with headquarters in New York and regional offices from Berlin to Tokyo. A private non-profit organisation, the institute regularly assembles experts from around the world to discuss issues ranging from nuclear arms control to the social responsibilities of corporations.

"We regard the current Amman seminar as one of the most important we have ever conducted," said Mr. Joseph Slater, president of Aspen. "Our hope is that it will simply be the first of a long series of such meetings which will offer a much-needed vehicle for a continuing, informal exchange of ideas between Middle Easterners and Westerners on their increasingly important interrelationships and mutual problems."

Topics of discussion at the conference will include "Ideology and Changing Values" and "Growth and Development in the Arab World and its Social, Legal and Cultural Values," covering such topics as women, Islamic law, human resources and education.

Qatari education official to visit

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA)--The under secretary of the Ministry of Education in Qatar is due here next Saturday for a four-day visit and talks with Jordanian officials at the Ministry of Education. The talks will deal with ways of strengthening educational cooperation between Jordan and Qatar, an official at the Ministry of Education here said.

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Tourism is better, but not best

By Jawad Ahmad

Tourism in Jordan, as is the case in many countries, suffers from the Narcissus complex. Those who work in that sector are deeply in love with themselves and with what they do. That is not to cast aspersions on their abilities or wisdom, but they certainly are inhibited by their egotistic ambitions.

Everytime a group of people working in that sector get together to discuss the future prospects of their business, they handle the problem from the point of view that tourism is the only sector in the economy, or the leading one at least.

They also fall into the same error which many private sector investors commit. They blame the government for not extending a helping hand. Their rationale is that tourism is a clean, profitable, foreign exchange earning sector. It is therefore worth all the encouragement it can be given.

Obviously, Jordan has a great touristic potential which has not yet been fully realised. The income generated within this sector can be greatly enhanced if more coordination and cooperation is generated within the sector itself. Such cooperation must, however, be created among the different parties in the private sector before full cooperation can be achieved with the government.

The overriding question in tourism right now is how big a touristic sector Jordan should plan to have? At the outset, the sector can grow as big as it wants to, given that the impetus comes from those who directly derive benefits from it.

On a macro level, the development strategists might not want to allow tourism to rise to a leading position in the economy. Income from tourism might prove to be erratic and unstable. The sensitivity of this sector to external pressures is extremely high. Moreover, tourism tends to boost the growth of the contribution of the services sector.

tor to the gross domestic product (GDP). This direct conflict with one of the principal goals of Five Year Plan, which is that the contribution to GDP should decline from 64 per cent to 56 per cent.

Tourism has certain advantages. These are foreign exchange earnings, the encouragement of traditional crafts and small industries, the expansion of airlines and other means of transport and spreading economic activity to various regions of the country. Yet, these advantages accrue to tourism even if it is the third or fourth highest ranking sector, without incurring social costs attached to dominant tourism sector.

In Jordan, we should not be misled by upsurge in tourism in the period since 1976. We should remember the slump of 1967-1974. The prospects of this sector growing forever are slim. There are currently 25 new 4 and 5-star hotels under construction which are expected to be finished in two years. Will there be sufficient demand to warrant all these investments?

This has been done with government help. Had it not been for the loans acquired from Industrial Development Bank, the extension allowed under the Encouragement of Investment Law, and the guarantee of national loans to hotels, most of these tourist activities would not have been possible.

Moreover, the government helps tourism through Afia, international tourism agreements and the facilities and services provided by Ministry of Tourism which are numerous.

There is no need to blame the government which I think has extended more than sufficient aid to fill tourist sector at a time when we agriculture and industry need all the help they get, from the government.

Jordan rebuts Israeli TV on Arab maritime association to be set up

AMMAN, April 10 (JNA)--The Jordanian government today categorically denied a report broadcast by Israeli Television last night alleging that Jordan had

expelled Egyptian labourers working in Jordan and will replace them with labourers from the occupied West Bank.

The government's official spokesman said there is no truth in the report which Israel deliberately broadcast because of the current political situation and coinciding with its eviction of more Arab people from their homes and creation of new settlements in a drive to perpetuate its occupation of Arab territories.

The Jordanian government trusts that the people of the occupied Arab territories will not be taken in by such falsehoods and

will continue to remain steadfast in the face of all Israeli attempts to evict them from their homeland in order to settle new Jewish immigrants, the spokesman said.

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German scholar discredits claimed Old Testament origins for Ebla

By McDonnell
The Jordan Times

April 10 — The massive archives from the 3rd millennium B.C. Syrian city of Ebla in northern Syria. Many views of the East almost overlap all, it is irrefutably true that Syria was equal, if not the Mesopotamian, Assyrian and Babylonian propagandists, how to speculate on the very slim thread, but a long web of publicity on the fact that mentioned in the 3rd century of Ebla bore Hebrew names in script.

Old Testament scholar, Prof. Karl-Heinz Koenig of the Theological University of Bonn, has these claims at the same personal throughout texts of Near East, in Anatolia and

— in terms of a pretension — is the at the names that early Old Testament regular basis in clay throughout the ancient world," he said.

Dr. visiting Syria this month to gather archaeological material for a new edition of his work, "The Social Structure of the Old Testament," books include: "Gott und Mensch" (1956); "The Sacred World of the Old Testament" (1961); "The Land of East Jordan" and "Old Lebanon."

"Discovery of the huge city of Ebla, historians, and epigraphers need with the challenging connections between old assumptions and the new finds," he

provided us with the view of a very ancient civilization. I doubt if serious scholars actually believe in the connection between the late Hebrews and the early Ebla texts.

It agreed to give an interview to the Jordanian pros and cons of the claims. "In the so-called similar names found at the mentioned in the Old Testament, we have to take a slow look at the Ebla texts, part of the deciphering of the Jgar texts when scholars assumed the Old Testament names and verbs in the text were identified. Many personal and names mentioned in the Old Testament also appear in the ancient Near East. It is not geographic, simply events recorded in the Old Testament over 100 years.

Speaking within a framework in which the same mountains, the same towns were throughout the relationship between the Old Testament is not cultural nor historical.

In linguistics, the names at Ebla appear in Semitic dialects: Aramaic, Hebrew and Arabic. Any dictionary and that modern Arabic has more than 60 percent of its vocabulary.

A publicist sent the fact that names at Ebla — Ibrahim, Ishmael, Jacobus, also occur in the Old Testament. The publicist claimed they were used for the first time. They were frequently used in the Arab World. The chief significance of mentioned at Ebla is very old names dating back to the 3rd millennium B.C. — more.

But the claim that the mentioned at Ebla, is the for of the Hebrew sticks! The Czech



General view of the excavation of Ebla.

Archaeologist, Rosny, tried and failed to find parallels with Yahweh and before his research was completed, he'd even drawn in the worship of Ya in India. The word, Ya, itself is too universal. We do know the deity Yahweh had its origins in the northwestern part of Arabia. Approximately 500 deities are named in the Ebla texts. This is an extreme form of a pantheon. Formerly, we had believed the Philistine god, Dagon, was a young god. Now, we realize many gods mentioned in the Old Testament were old gods worshipped in 3rd millennium B.C.

Q: Is Ebla the home of the original tribes of Israel?

A: "The tribes of Israel had very different customs from those of urban Ebla. The Old Testament was composed of two societal elements: town cultures of south Canaan and nomads. The Hebrews had two or three small kingdoms that differed in political and religious structure and were constantly warring with each other while being ruled from the top by the Pharaoh. After all, Palestine was a colony of Egypt up to the time of the invasion of the Sea Peoples, around 1,200 B.C.

The state of Ebla — its

administrative and social complex reflects a great territorial kingdom in the tradition of Mari and Ugarit.

The tribes of Israel had very different customs from those of urban Ebla. We see elements of the so-called habiru in texts of the Ancient Near East and in Egypt from the end of the 3rd millennium to the end of the 12th century which were one group belonging to the Israelites. The state of David was a new kingdom founded on territory that

belonged to many ethnic groups, the bedouin, Canaanites and Sea People."

Q: Did the Hebrews pass through Ebla?

A: "We must remember that Ebla was destroyed in 2250 B.C. Perhaps distant ancestors of men who lived in King David's kingdom were in Ebla, but according to scientific historical research, we can't go back further in history than the 14th century B.C."

Q: Do you see any connections

between Ebla and the Old Testament?

A: "Ebla is never mentioned in any instance in the Old Testament; whereas place names in Egypt are. If the Hebrews could go back in history to Adam, to the great-great-grandfathers of Abraham and Noah, why don't they mention Ebla? Again, I repeat my feeling that serious scholars in Israel don't give credence to any historical-cultural connections between Ebla and the Hebrew kingdoms."

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY

	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,453	6.760	6.770	6.760
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	5,329	14.100	—	14.100
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	110	2.200	2.230	2.200
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	71	1.150	1.170	1.160
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	1,422	1.040	1.050	1.040
Dar Al-Dawla Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	692	2.580	—	2.580
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	94	0.920	0.930	0.940
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	197	1.410	1.4120	1.410
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	962	0.670	0.680	0.680
Paper and Cardboard Factories	JD 1,000	301	0.830	0.850	0.850
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	1,010	10.100	10.250	10.100
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	25,500	4.250	4.550	4.250
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	62	1.250	—	1.250
Al Ezzibar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	3,600	—	—	1.300
Arab Development and Investment Co.	JD 2,000	12,600	91.000	—	90,000
Arab Bank	JD 10,000	3,032	6.650	6.680	6.650
Cairo-Amman Bank	JD 5,000	120	—	—	1.500
Belgian Insurance and Reinsurance Co.	JD 1,000	2,595	3.370	—	3.400
Rafia Industrial Co.	JD 5,000	1,010	—	5.300	5.050
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	—	—	—	—

Total volume traded, Tuesday, April 10: JD 55,960

Total number of shares traded: 12,993

	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
Government Development Bonds	JD 5,000	31,200	6	1980	5.200
	JD 10,000	2429,980	238	1988	10.210

Total volume traded: JD 2,461.180

Total number of bonds traded: 244

TODAY'S WEATHER

Medium and high clouds will appear with a gradual rise in temperatures. Winds will be southerly moderate to fresh and conditions will be dusty at times. In Aqaba winds will be northerly moderate becoming southerly moderate and seas will be choppy.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	12	24
Aqaba	18	33
Deserts	12	24
Jordan Valley	18	28

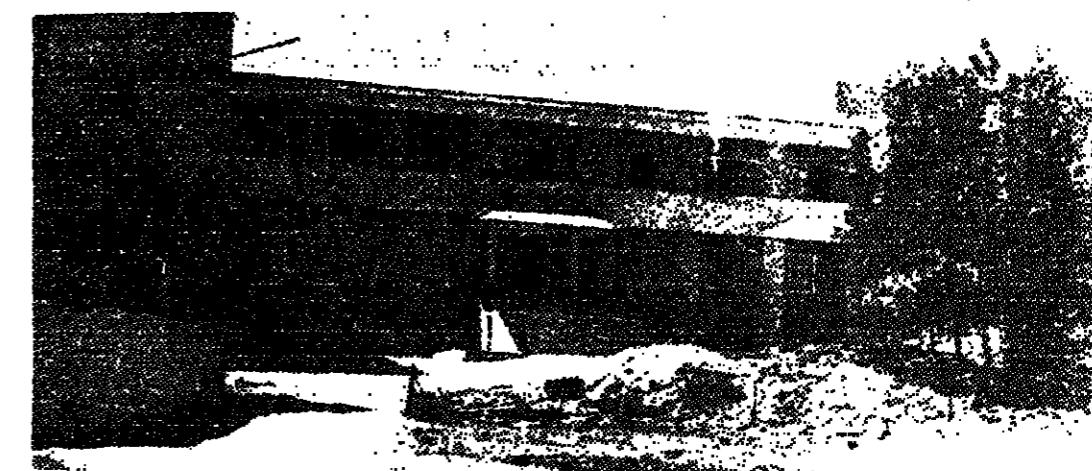
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Front view of the Golden Age Home at Juweideh. The impressive flight of steps is an entrance for visitors, or those able to manage them, while less

able and wheelchair bound people will be wheeled in on a specifically designed ramp at the back of the home.

Jordan's first home for the elderly opened

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 10 — Senior citizens in Jordan are generally looked after in their declining years by sons and daughters and in return for their care they play a valuable role in the household, acting as babysitters or cooks at various times and often either helping the mother to cope with her children and house work or allowing her the freedom to go out to work.

There are obvious advantages to this kind of set up, but what happens when the family wants a holiday abroad and granny and granddad either do not feel up to it or are not physically able? Or when the elderly persons find themselves without any family to turn to for one reason or another?

The White Beds Society has thought of these situations and taken steps to see that a solution can be provided.

As a result, the first old peoples home in Jordan was opened today by Her Highness Princess Basma. It should be ready to take residents by the beginning of next year.

Situated at Juweideh (on the road to Aqaba), the home promises to be more like a first class hotel than anything else. Among other facilities it has a fully equipped, attractive hairdressing salon for men and women, recreation rooms, a library and fully equipped rooms for physiotherapy treatment and exercise.

There are exercise bars and wheelchairs and stationary bicycles for the more active residents and easy chairs and workshops for the more studious or dexterous members.

The home, called the Golden Age Home, is still in a state of semi-preparedness. There is no water yet and tags are still hanging from the shiny new kitchen sinks and huge ovens. Even the bristly rollers in the hairdressing salon are still in their packs.

The entrance lounge, all the

bedrooms the doctors' surgery and administration rooms have all been partially fitted out so at least there were some chairs, carpets and desks to give today's guests an idea of what the home will eventually look like.

At 4:30 this afternoon, well over 300 ladies gathered for the opening, and to listen to thank you speeches and share in the refreshments offered before separating and going through the three storey home to see just exactly what the White Beds Society has achieved.

The White Beds Society is a volunteer group of some thirty ladies who spend most of their time working in government hospitals and institutions. The Golden Age Home is their biggest project to date. Funds have been raised for the building over the past five years with various activities planned by the ladies. The 22 dunums of land that the new home sits on was a gift from the government — not that the home takes up 22 dunums! It is on a two dunum piece near the main road and as Mrs. Amira Tell, a member of the White Beds Society, told the Jordan Times, the society planned to set up a few smaller "shelters" in the land around the Golden Age Home for poor, old and destitute people.

Nobody was able to say how much a stay at the Golden Age Home is likely to cost but, as a private home boasting facilities similar to Western homes would be proud to have, it will certainly only be open to a limited small percentage of the population. At the moment it can sleep 100 people but some rooms are large enough to take up to two or three more beds if the demand increases. Most of the rooms are double so that husbands and wives will not have to split up.

Construction and furnishing costs, Mrs. Tell said, have amounted to half a million dinars.

When questioned about the need for such a home in a very close knit society where the extended family is still the order of the day, Mrs. Tell said simply "you don't know how much we need this home." Either the need is not that pressing yet or people are not quite sure what to make of a home which is reported to be the first of its kind in the Middle East, but either way the waiting list is still not very long.

It is expected that when it opens next year it will only be a quarter full — if that — but the plan is to use it as a day centre for old folk in Amman who will be bussed to the home where they can meet their friends, read, listen to music or just get on with their embroidery or handiwork until it's time to go home in the evening.

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JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

European Cup semi-finals to start Wednesday

Cologne, April 10 (R) -- West German champions Cologne, suffering an indifferent season in the Bundesliga, will need to be back to their sharpest form when they tackle England's Nottingham Forest in the first leg of their European Cup semi-final tomorrow night. Cologne, guided by the midfield skills of Heinz Flohé, swept all before them last year, winning the West German soccer championship and the cup. Sadly they will be without the gifted Flohé against Forest. He has been out of action since Cologne beat Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers in the European Cup quarter-finals last month. Midfield men Bernd Cullmann and Herbert Neumann missed last Saturday's league win against Schalke, but are expected to be fit for the game in Nottingham. Neither Cologne nor Forest has ever won Europe's leading club competition, a statistic they share with the two other semi-finalists, Malmö of Sweden and Austria Wien.

The Austrian champions, runners-up in the European Cup Winners' Cup last season, will be hoping to build up a substantial first leg lead in front of their home supporters. Malmö, conquerors of France's Monaco, Dynamo Kiev of the Soviet Union and Poland's Widzew Krakow, have been the surprise club of the European Cup campaign. Goalkeeper Jan Möller has been in superb form while striker Anders Ljungberg has netted three goals against the Poles in the quarter-finals last month. Midfield general Herbert Prohaska, the man Malmö will have to shackles if they are to keep Wien's attack at bay.

The semifinal stages of the Cup Winners' Cup and the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup have also been reached, with

West Germany dominating the latter competition. MSV Duisberg and Borussia Moenchengladbach play in the UEFA Cup today with the other five semi-final matches tomorrow night.

American and British boxers draw

LONDON, April 10 (R) -- American Jesse Burnett, from Los Angeles, drew with Britain's John Conole, former World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, in a 10-round contest at the Anglo-American Sporting Club here last night.

French protest rugby match with Transvaal

PARIS, April 10 (R) -- A match here next week between the all-white Transvaal rugby side and Paris University Club (P.U.C.) appeared to be threatened yesterday as French anti-racist groups stepped up efforts to disrupt the four-game tour. A spokesman for the anti-apartheid movement told Reuters today the P.U.C. had already decided to call off the match, scheduled for April 21, after 30 of its players backed protests at the absence of non-white players on the South African side. The university rugby club's president, Gerard Krotoff, strongly denied there had been a mass protest by his players, or that the match had been cancelled. But he said the club's committee would meet today to discuss whether or not to go ahead with the fixture. He gave no reasons for the last-minute hesitation. The Transvaal selectors said last month when they named 22 white tourists that two black players would be chosen later. Yet the squad which slipped quietly into France a week ago to avoid hostile demonstrations contained no non-white members.

Baseball Standings

American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	2	1	.500	—
Boston	2	1	.500	—
Chicago	2	1	.500	—
Detroit	2	1	.500	—
Cleveland	2	1	.500	—
New York	2	1	.500	—
Toronto	2	1	.500	—

	W	L	Pct	GB
EAST	2	1	.500	—
New York	2	0	1.000	—
St. Louis	2	0	1.000	—
Montreal	2	1	.667	1/2
Pittsburgh	1	2	.333	1/2
Chicago	0	2	.000	2
Philadelphia	0	2	.000	2

	W	L	Pct	GB
WEST	2	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
Houston	3	1	.750	1/2
San Francisco	3	1	.750	1/2
Cincinnati	2	3	.400	2
San Diego	1	3	.250	2
Atlanta	0	4	.000	3 1/2

Monday's games

Montreal at New York, postponed, rain
Cincinnati 9, Atlanta 4
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, postponed, rain
Los Angeles 2, Houston 1
(only games scheduled)

Taking the embarrassment out of doctor-patient interviews

By Eleanor Lawrence

LONDON -- Microprocessors are bringing sophisticated computing power within reach of an ever growing range of people. One medical project that they have transformed from an intriguing experiment into a commercial reality is an automated system designed to help doctors interview their patients more efficiently.

It has been developed at Britain's National Physical Laboratory where psychologist Dr. Chris Evans and his colleagues are in the business of identifying applications of computers to everyday life, often looking years into the future. MICKIE (Medical Interviewing by Computer) is one application that, thanks to the advent of microprocessors, looks like bearing fruit.

Communication between doctor and patient can be bedevilled by social and intellectual barriers, whether real or imagined. Computer interviewing trials, using relatively inexpensive telephone linked shared computer time, were first started in Britain in 1969 to determine whether interviewing techniques affected diagnosis.

The first interviewing programme in which Dr. Evans collaborated was set up in Glasgow in Scotland to take the case histories of patients with suspected peptic ulcers.

The system proved extremely successful. Patients liked being interviewed by computer. But at a cost of between 5 pounds and 10 pounds a patient, computer interviewing was not economically feasible.

However, the microprocessor revolution was round the corner and has now produced MICKIE -- a desk top general computer with the brain power of a pre-microprocessor model many times its size. Its brain is made up of silicon chips (micro-



MICKIE (Medical Interviewing by Computer) undergoing tests at the National Physical Laboratory, London (LPS photo).

processor circuits) each no bigger than a thumbnail and each equivalent to around 10,000 old fashioned transistors.

Mass production of these chips in the past few years has so reduced the price of computing power that Dr. Evans estimates each interview now costs no more than 1/2 p.

Five MICKIES have been ordered by Britain's Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) for installation in hospitals. One was due to start work early in 1979 at London's West Middlesex Hospital on a DHSS funded project to test an improved version of the abdominal pain programme and a new programme dealing with back pain. If these projects prove

successful -- previous experience suggests they will -- MICKIE is set to take routine computer interviewing into the 1980s.

On a screen the size of a small portable television, the questions and answers come up clearly and silently at an easy reading pace. The questions are all designed to be answered by one of four possible responses -- Yes, No, Don't know and Don't understand.

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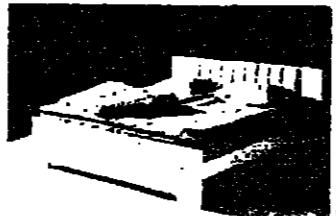
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As majority-rule election begins Rhodesian planes bomb guerrilla camps in Zambia

LUSAKA, Zambia, April 10 (Agencies) -- Rhodesian warplanes streaked deep into neighbouring Zambia today and bombed two black guerrilla camps on the outskirts of Lusaka, the capital.

The casualty toll wasn't immediately known, but Radio Zambia broadcast an urgent appeal for blood donors to go to Lusaka's university hospital.

The International Red Cross rushed ambulances to the area and reporters, barred from entering the camps by armed guerrillas, reported seeing casualties being taken to hospitals in private cars.

In Salisbury, the Rhodesian capital, the military command confirmed that its vintage British-made jets hit guerrilla bases belonging to Mr. Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU), 16 kilometres from Lusaka.

White Rhodesians went to the polls today as voting got underway to elect Rhodesia's first black-majority government after 90 years of white domination.

The guerrillas have vowed to

sabotage the elections, claiming that elected black leaders will merely be "white stooges" and that whites will continue to exercise effective control from behind a black facade.

The Rhodesian military command claimed that Russian advisers are apparently now in charge of guerrilla operations against Rhodesia. "Intelligence has revealed that current and future terrorist operations from Zambia into Rhodesia come under known Russian direction and control."

The Rhodesian bombing raid also coincided with the official opening here today by Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda of the three-day Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organisation Conference. Guerrilla leaders Nkomo and Mugabe arrived here late yesterday to attend the conference.

The latest air strike was the

Vietnam probes Chinese 'war crimes' as talks draw near

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 10 (AP) -- Vietnam has launched an investigation into alleged Chinese war crimes, just days before the two countries are scheduled to open normalisation talks.

The Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported today that a committee to investigate Chinese crimes against Vietnamese children has been set up to collect evidence in order to denounce Peking's violation of international laws and the U.N. declaration of world children's rights.

Vietnam last week dropped its demand for Chinese troop withdrawal and agreed to hold negotiations with China this Saturday in Hanoi. The Vietnamese Government has appointed Vice Foreign Minister Phan Hien as chief of the Vietnamese delegation, while his Chinese counterpart is Mr. Han Nianlong.

Economic News Briefs

Iran reports daily oil output of 4m. barrels

TEHRAN, April 10 (R) -- Iranian oil production has reached four million barrels a day -- almost two-thirds of the normal output before last autumn's oil workers' strike, the national radio said yesterday. The radio, quoting the National Iranian Oil Company, said 700,000 barrels a day were being set aside for domestic consumption and the rest was being exported. The peak production achieved by the Iranian oil industry under the Shah was 6.5 million barrels a day, which made this country the world's second-biggest exporter after Saudi Arabia. Iran resumed oil exports on March 5 after the revolution which toppled the Shah and has since been steadily increasing production of what is its principal source of foreign exchange.

Italy gets backing for Algerian gas pipeline

LUXEMBOURG, April 10 (R) -- A plan to bring Algerian natural gas to Europe by underwater pipeline is to be backed by the European Investment Bank, the Common Market's long-term finance arm, it was announced yesterday. The bank said it would lend the Italian Government 40 billion lire (\$47.45 million) for the project. The pipeline will also link Sicily with the Italian mainland, eventually running as far north as Bologna. Italy has an agreement with the Algerian State Energy Authority to help offset the shortfall in Italy's natural gas supply, which has not met domestic demand since 1971. Algeria is due to start pumping gas through the pipeline at the end of 1981. Construction at the Italian end will cost a total of 1,600 billion lire (\$1.9 billion).

W. German survey predicts 1979 price rise

BONN, West Germany, April 10 (AP) -- West German consumers can expect prices to rise more than four per cent above last year's levels during the second half of 1979 due to increases in the cost of energy and other items, a panel of economic experts said yesterday. The five experts, who oversee the nation's economy for the Bonn government, urged Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's administration to avoid using "excessively restrictive" policies to counter inflation.

Last outposts of the Spanish Empire

By Fenton Wheeler

CEUTA, North Africa (AP) -- Led by its poor, Morocco is pushing toward a quiet takeover of the last remnants of the Spanish Empire -- the tiny enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla in north Africa.

"I don't say it will happen tomorrow, but it is coming eventually and then we will all go back to Spain," says Mr. Jose Luis Perez, one of the 50,000 Spaniards hanging on in Ceuta.

While he speaks, a sunrise wave of Moroccan workers crosses the border into Ceuta. Spanish legionnaires, bayonets fixed, snap to attention to raise the flag.

By nightfall, most of the Moroccans will be back across the border. Some will remain, sleeping in the hills outside the city or among the 8,000 inhabitants of the shanty town of Principe Alfonso on Ceuta's outskirts.

"It is a peaceful invasion," says newly-elected national Senator Antonio Dominguez, adding that one of the new Spanish parliament's first duties should be to control the steady seepage of Moroccans into the enclave.

Lured by the prospect of work

and welcomed by Ceuta employers, who want to avoid mandatory social security contributions, the unskilled and unemployed Moroccans keep coming. Time seems on Morocco's side, despite continuing declarations from Spain, including some by King Juan Carlos, that the last two outposts will remain forever Spanish.

All of Spain's 36 million people, however, may not agree. Without General Francisco Franco around to remind them of his Moroccan military victories, many Spaniards see the Mediterranean enclaves as relics that gobble up tax revenue while Ceuta's and Melilla's civil servants draw double pay in duty-free ports for serving in supposed hardship areas.

The official position of the Spanish Government, however, is that all is going well and neither Ceuta nor Melilla is in danger of being lost to autonomists, independence advocates of Morocco.

Ceuta's highest civilian authority, Government Undersecretary Ramon Ferrer Pena, says Ceuta public opinion is for remaining with Spain.

"This is not a colonial situation," he says. "Ceuta always has

been Spanish and is going to remain so. Our image abroad has been distorted."

Mr. Ferrer Pena insists the number of Spaniards in Ceuta is growing and that the Moroccan population of 15,000 is decreasing, a view that runs counter to that of the man on the street.

"The Moros are everywhere," says an Indian shopkeeper, using the Ceutan word to describe moors who ruled Ceuta and most of Spain for seven centuries until the 1490s.

"All you have to do is look in the streets or in the market to see the increase in Moroccans," says Mr. Dominguez, a member of



KAMPUCHEA--Phnom Penh has been a ghost town since April 17, 1975, when Khmer Rouge forces entered the capital. Banksnotes lie around in the streets. (Gamma photo)

More fighting reported in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 10 (AP) -- Guerrillas manned barricades in northern Nicaragua after two days of fighting in which 41 were reported killed, but vacating President Anastasio Somoza said "The country is under control."

The Guerrillas erected barricades two metres high in the streets of Esteli, 145 kilometres north of Managua, to block military vehicles, and pinned down troops in the barracks on one side of the main plaza, according to refugees fleeing the city of 30,000.

They reported the fighting renewed late yesterday after an unexplained mid-day cease-fire.

Guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front have been battling to topple Mr. Somoza for a decade. Last August they seized the federal office building in Managua and traded 59 hostages for jailed comrades, cash and freedom.

A monthly later the Sandinistas

battled troops in Esteli and four other cities and were joined by civilians in a revolt that left 1,500 dead after two weeks of fighting, according to Red Cross estimates.

Mr. Ismael Reves, president of the Nicaraguan Red Cross, declared a state of emergency and sent three units to Esteli and three ambulances to Matagalpa, 28 kilometres south-west of Esteli.

Mr. Somoza, on a week's vacation in the United States, told reporters in Topeka, Kansas yesterday that Nicaragua "is under control... I am coming over here to see my son, and that's it." His son Julio is a senior at Washburn University in Topeka.

Guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front have been battling to topple Mr. Somoza for a decade. Last August they seized the federal office building in Managua and traded 59 hostages for jailed comrades, cash and freedom.

Evacuees begin returning home following U.S. train accident

CRESTVIEW, Florida, April 10 (R) -- Some 4,500 people began returning to their homes yesterday, 27 hours after they were forced to flee from toxic fumes released by a railway accident.

No one was injured in the crash, in which 13 wagons from a Louisville and Nashville goods train left the tracks. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department said yesterday that no injuries had been reported among residents of nearby towns.

Residents fled the region when a wagon believed to contain carbolic acid exploded and caught fire along with two others, one containing sulphur. Heavy cranes and other equipment arrived in the area to be used to salvage the overturned wagons.

"We're the luckiest people in the world," said a spokesman for the sheriff's department. "If the wind had shifted in the direction of the Fort Walton area (population 20,000-30,000) we would really have been in trouble."

U.S. fuel shortages could be 'serious trouble'

WASHINGTON, April 10 (R) -- Energy Secretary James Schlesinger told Congress yesterday that the United States can expect "serious trouble" from fuel shortages this year. But he said after the hearing that there was no need for petrol rationing. "Gasoline inventories are low. We are going to have serious trouble this summer," Mr. Schlesinger told Congress. He said energy problems will continue next winter unless the U.S. is able to build up its stocks of heating fuel. The energy secretary said that fuel stockpiles have been reduced because of interruption in oil supplies from Iran and "There has been a steady fall in the available supply of crude oil."

Iran to complete 2 reactors with own workers

TEHRAN, April 10 (R) -- Iran will restrict building of two 1,200 megawatt reactors already under construction at Bushehr on the Gulf, the "Voice of the Islamic Republic" radio said yesterday. The radio, quoting the Iranian Atomic Energy Commission, said the two reactors, originally due to start up next year and in 1981, would be completed by an exclusively Iranian workforce. About 800 West Germans out of an original 1,900 are still working on the \$4 billion project, which is being handled by West Germany's Kraftwerk Union.

What the Ceutans do not accept, however, is giving resident Moroccans equal status in education, politics, health, or social life.

One of his newspaper's principal objections has been that General Luis Polanco wears the hats of both military commander and civil governor. The newspaper also has called for an investigation of work permits, questioned the propriety of a judge who owns land in Morocco to hear cases involving Moroccans attacked racial discrimination against Moroccans, positions that have brought more than \$100,000 in damage suits against the newspaper.

Mr. Ferrer Pena insists the number of Spaniards in Ceuta is growing and that the Moroccan population of 15,000 is decreasing, a view that runs counter to that of the man on the street.

"The Moros are everywhere," says an Indian shopkeeper, using the Ceutan word to describe moors who ruled Ceuta and most of Spain for seven centuries until the 1490s.

"All you have to do is look in the streets or in the market to see the increase in Moroccans," says Mr. Dominguez, a member of

Ceuta's only restaurant serving Moroccan food gets little patronage. Moroccans vanish after dark, leaving the bars and cinemas to the Spaniards. The pupil load in the ghetto schools averages 100, more than three times that of Spanish schoolrooms. Mr. Abbas Lachini Dris, the only Moroccan brave enough to run for mayor, tempers his campaign by declaring "Ceuta's only solution is to remain Spanish."

Tied down with an Algerian-backed guerrilla war over control of the former Spanish Sahara south of Morocco, it seems unlikely Rabat would move militarily against Ceuta.

Ceuta, however, prides itself on taking no chances. Its streets are full of soldiers, part of an estimated force of 10,000 men including two regiments of regulars, one regiment of the once-famous Spanish Foreign Legion and thousands of dragoons.

In a recent editorial, however, the newspaper seemed to be saying that the battle to reform Ceuta and block a Moroccan takeover already might be lost. "The people of Ceuta apparently will accept anything," Mr. Ferrer wrote.

Iran denies presence of troops in Afghanistan

TEHRAN April 10 (R) -- Iran today reiterated that no Iranian troops were fighting in neighbouring Afghanistan and said it would protest to the Kabul government over claims that Iranian soldiers had been killed in that country.

Assistant Prime Minister Amir Entezam told journalists the Afghan claim was false and Iran would officially protest about it.

Iran last month strongly denied an official Afghan report that several thousand Iranian soldiers had crossed the border to fight the pro-Soviet Kabul regime.

The Iranian Government closed the border after a flood of refugees crossed over from Afghanistan to escape from fighting reported to be raging in the western Herat Province. The Iranian consul-general in Herat was expelled and Tehran retaliated by expelling an Afghan diplomat.

Iranian Moslem religious leaders have protested over the alleged maltreatment of co-religionists by the new regime in Afghanistan, where thousands of Moslem guerrillas are reported to be fighting government troops.

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Belgian coalition wins vote of confidence

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 10 (AP) -- The coalition government Mr. Wilfried Martens, the Flemish social Christian prime minister, won a vote of confidence early today in the House of Representatives. The vote was 132-50 with five abstentions. The Belgian Senate is expected to give a vote of confidence to Mr. Martens this week. The chief plank in the government's platform is restructuring of the country to end the long conflict between Flemish speakers in the north and the French speakers in the south. Mr. Martens plans a federation of two states, Flemish-speaking Flanders and French-speaking Wallonia, with Brussels as a separate bilingual region. The government also wants to reduce a 40-hour work week to 36 by 1981 to reduce unemployment; higher costs to industry and business would be compensated by increasing employers' contribution to social security and health insurance. The new government was formed after long and difficult negotiations following elections in December.

U.S. underwater missile launching fixtures

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, April 10 (R) -- The first underwater launching of a U.S. Trident I missile ended prematurely early yesterday when the missile was destroyed after it veered off course. The missile, from the Francis Scott Key, the first of 12 Poseidon submarines converted for Trident use, was normal and the missile fired its stage engine as planned, a U.S. Navy statement said. But a function during first stage flight caused the missile to veer off course and it was destroyed by the range safety officer after 30 seconds of flight, the statement said. The underwater test followed 12 flight tests made from land launch pads here in the past two years. The Trident has a far greater range than the Polaris or Poseidon missile -- up to 6,900 miles. It carries a nuclear warhead only but dummy warheads are used for flight tests from Cape Canaveral.

Indochinese refugee boats reach Australia

CANBERRA, Australia, April 10 (AP) -- Two Indochinese refugee boats, the first ones this year, have reached Australian waters, authorities said yesterday. One boat, with 112 people on board, arrived in Darwin yesterday. A second boat, the "Song Saigon," sighted near Darwin and was being escorted to Darwin by Australian Navy patrol boat. Immigration Minister Michael Kellner, concerned that more refugees had joined the official in Thailand and Malaysian camps, said the new arrivals were carefully screened. Department officials said there was no reason to suspect the latest arrivals were not "genuine refugees." Officially, there was also no reason to believe the latest arrivals were not a new wave of small boats carrying refugees. They said these were first boat people to arrive since last December. The full scale of the cyclone season in waters north of Australia, which passage by small boats hazardous. More than 1,800 refugees reached Australia in 49 boats since Vietnamese communists captured Saigon in 1975.

'Moment of decision' for U.N. sea law

GENEVA, April 10 (R) -- United Nations Secretary-General Waldheim told delegates attending the International Law of the Sea Conference yesterday that they had "come to the moment of decision" in their six years of talks. He told the 158-nation conference that international legislation about marine use of the sea, which negotiators did not act now to settle their differences, "will be overtaken by events that will make it more difficult, if not impossible, to reach agreement at a later stage." Failure of the conference to reach agreement on a legal vacuum that can only exacerbate and widen the gap between developing and developed nations," Dr. Waldheim said in a message to negotiators. The session of the conference, the longest-running in U.N. history, is to end on April 27. Unresolved differences include defining territorial waters belonging to coastal states, proposed limits on the deep-sea mining of nickel and unilateral measures some industrialised countries to pave the way for seabed exploration.

Oscar film award include dominant theme of Viet war

LOS ANGELES, April 10 (R) -- The stars of "Coming Home," Jane Fonda and Jon Voight, won Hollywood "Oscars" last night as best actress and actor, and another film with a Vietnam theme, "The Deer Hunter," was voted best picture.

Mr. Voight, before receiving his award, said: "I don't think an actor here or who is on television who doesn't know about the war has been born. We have been born into it."

Mr. Olivier received a nomination for his role in "Coming Home." The stars of "Coming Home" were nominated for best supporting actress and best supporting actor.

The outspoke Miss Fonda accompanied the opening acceptance speech in sign language. "There are 14 million people who are deaf and can't receive this award and so this is my acknowledgement of them," she said.

Miss Fonda, 41, won an Oscar in 1971 for "Klute," and has been nominated on two occasions for the best actress award.

The film "Coming Home" about a U.S. soldier, played by Mr. Voight, who returns from the Vietnam war in a chair and his relationship with his wife, who plays the title role, was voted best picture.

The "Deer Hunter," starring Robert De Niro, won the award for best supporting actor.

British actress Maggie Smith won the Oscar for best supporting actress for her role in "Klute."

The Vietnamese war theme was dominant when "Coming Home" was honoured as best picture.

Actor Jon Voight, who played the lead role in "The Deer Hunter," was honoured as best actor.

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